(iv) Replacement of existing level crossing by 6-lane Road over bridges at Hanumanhati (km. 311) and Nelgol (km. 328).

(v) Widening of existing ROB at km. 260 (Devengere bypass).

(c) The project would substantially be completed by December 2003.

Construction of NH-53 and NH-150

1954. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of NH-53 and NH-150 in Manipur is delayed due to lack of funds to be released by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, by when these roads would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuing process and no target date can be indicated.

Conversion of roads in Tamil Nadu as NHs

1955. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Tamil Nadu Government for converting Hosur-Adhiaman Koltah Road, Cuddalore-Chittor Road, Chennai-Kumbakonam-Tanjavur Road, Dindigul-Theni Road and Tirunelveli-Tenkasi Road as National Highways; and

(b) if so, by when, Government are likely to declare these roads as National Highways?